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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Nadeem TUSNEEM et al. ) Box Missing Parts  
Serial No. 09/721,918 ) Attention:  
Filed: November 27, 2000 ) Applications Branch  
For: METHOD FOR EQUALIZING BAND INTENSITIES ON  
SEQUENCING GELS

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Box Missing Parts  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) dated March 23, 2001, response copy attached, a Declaration and Power of Attorney identifying the above-referenced application by Serial Number and Filing Date is being herewith submitted. Also attached is a check in payment of the following fees. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27:

\$ 65.00 (surcharge under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e))  
355.00 (basic filing fee)  
\$ 420.00 TOTAL

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment for the payment of the filing fee, any extra claims fees or the

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surcharge to deposit account number 02-2135. An additional copy of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

The following documents are being submitted concurrently under separate cover:

- Recordation coversheet w/Assignments

Respectfully submitted,

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APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
09/721,918	11/27/2000	Nadeem Tusneem	2318-262

CONFIRMATION NO. 4103

## FORMALITIES LETTER



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Date Mailed: 03/23/2001

## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is missing.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 840.**

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL**  
**for FY 2001**  
**(Small Entity)**

Complete if Known

Application Number	09/721,918
Filing Date	November 27, 2000
First Named Inventor	Nadeem TUSNEEM
Examiner Name	To Be Assigned
Group Art Unit	1743
Attorney Docket Number	2318-262

Total Amount of Payment (\$420.00)

**METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)**

1. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge additional fees and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 02-2135 in the name of Rothwell, Figg, Ernst & Manbeck
- ☒ Charge any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
2. ☒ Payment Enclosed:
- ☒ Check
- ☐ Credit Card

**FEE CALCULATION**

**1. FILING FEE**

Fee Code	Fee \$	Fee Description	Fee Paid
201	355	Utility filing fee	\$355.
206	160	Design Filing Fee	[ ]
207	245	Plant Filing Fee	[ ]
208	355	Reissue Filing Fee	[ ]
214	75	Provisional Filing Fee	[ ]

**SUBTOTAL \$355.00**

**2. CLAIMS**

Total Claims	Independent	Multiple Dependent Claims	Extra Claims	Fee	Fee Paid
[ 6 ]	- 20** = [ 0 ]	x		\$ 9 =	[\$ 0 ]
				40 =	[\$ 0 ]
			+	135 =	[ ]

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater;

**SUBTOTAL \$0.00**

**FEE CALCULATION (continued)**

**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Fee Code	Fee Paid	Fee Description	Fee Paid
205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	[\$65.]
227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	[ ]
139	130	Non-English specification	[ ]
147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	[ ]
112	920	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	[ ]
113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	[ ]
215	55	Extension for reply within first month	[ ]
216	195	Extension for reply within second month	[ ]
217	445	Extension for reply within third month	[ ]
218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	[ ]
228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	[ ]
219	155	Notice of Appeal	[ ]
220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	[ ]
221	135	Request for Oral Hearing	[ ]
138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	[ ]
240	55	Petition to revive -unavoidable	[ ]
241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	[ ]
242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	[ ]
243	220	Design issue fee	[ ]
244	300	Plant issue fee	[ ]
122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	[ ]
123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	[ ]
126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	[ ]
581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	[ ]
246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR .129(a))	[ ]
249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	[ ]
279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	[ ]
169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	[ ]
195	300	Publication fee for early, voluntary, or normal publication	[ ]
196	300	Publication fee for republication	[ ]
089	200	Filing an application for patent term adjustment	[ ]
090	400	Request for reinstatement of term reduced	[ ]
		Other fee (specify)	[ ]

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**SUBTOTAL \$65.00**

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**REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT**

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Official Filing Receipt dated 03/23/2001. Attached hereto is a copy of the Official Filing Receipt with the requested changes marked in red. Specifically, the Applicant(s) names and residences should be added as noted on the enclosed copy of the Declaration & Power. Also, under the Title, please change "bank" to --band--.

Should a fee be deemed necessary, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is authorized to charge any fee to Deposit Account No. 02-2135 necessary to effect these changes.

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Receipt is acknowledged of this nonprovisional Patent Application. It will be considered in its order and you will be notified as to the results of the examination. Be sure to provide the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION when inquiring about this application. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. **If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Customer Service Center. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the PTO processes the reply to the Notice, the PTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).**

## Applicant(s)

Nadeem Tusneem, Residence Not Provided;

## Continuing Data as Claimed by Applicant

THIS APPLN CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/236,179 09/29/2000

## Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted 03/22/2001

Projected Publication Date:

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

## Title

Method for equalizing band intensities on sequencing gels

Preliminary Class

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<p>RECEIVED/LOCKETING ROTHWELL FIGG ERNST &amp; MANBECK</p> <p>29</p> <p>REFERRED TO FILE NO. 2318-262 OK TO FILE</p>
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